

## GELMAN NEWS

### Gelman Library System's Annual Staff Retreat

by **David Killian**  
*Eckles Library*

Gelman Library System's Annual Staff Retreat will be held this year on Friday, August 17, at beautiful, wooded Fort Hunt Park in Fairfax County, VA. Gelman Library will close at 12 noon for the retreat, which will be at the Park until 5 p.m.

#### The Park

Fort Hunt Park is located along the George Washington Parkway eleven miles south of Washington, D.C., and three miles north of Mount Vernon. The site has been used as a farm, a Spanish American War coastal fortification, and the setting for top-secret WWII military intelligence operations. It is now part of the National Park Service and is a popular regional picnic area.

#### Food

The food for the retreat will be provided by popular caterers Red Hot & Blue. Purveyors of the Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que, their food replicates the "old time flavors of the smoke shacks in Tennessee." On the menu will be BBQ chicken and ribs, potato salad, corn on the cob, and more.



#### Program

For your enjoyment, there will be a one-hour Talent Show. During the hour, a raffle for *fabulous* prizes will be held for those attending GLS staff members. Staff members: be sure to pick up your ticket at the raffle ticket stand at the event.

#### Sports & Activities

Two volleyball courts and a softball field are located near the event site. Spirited organized competitions in volleyball and softball between GLS staff units will be held. Contact Lana Muck in Administrative Services for information on the competitions. The Park also has a large field for frisbee or ball throwing, a scenic road around the Park for walking or biking, and a nice playground by the event area. Attendees are invited to bring board games.

#### Transportation

A car pool has been organized to transport persons to the Park. Persons seeking a car pool ride will find a sign-up sheet posted in the Gelman staff lounge. For additional information, please contact Teena Bedola in Administration.

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Two 15-passenger vans will also be used to take people to the Park. The sign-up sheet for seating on the vans is also posted in the Gelman staff lounge; or, contact Teena Bedola. Seating on the day of the retreat will be available *only for those who have previously signed the list or have contacted Teena*. The vans will leave for the Park from the Loading Dock of Gelman at about 12:15 p.m. This is a one-way service only: *the vans will not return to Gelman*.

### **Return Transportation**

From 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., two passenger vans will be used to take people from the Park to the Huntington Metro Station (on the Yellow Line). The vans will make several runs from the Park to the Metro Station. No one will be left stranded at the Park. Note: the vans will not return to Gelman.

### **Directions**

The Park is a 20-25 minute drive from Gelman. Go south on 23<sup>rd</sup> St., cross the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and then go southbound on the George Washington Memorial Parkway (through Old Town Alexandria, the Parkway temporarily becomes Washington Street). Fort Hunt Park is located along the Parkway five miles south of Old Town Alexandria. Exit to the right at the sign marked "Fort Hunt Road/Fort Hunt Park." The Retreat will be held at Area A: look for the large pavilion. Free parking is available.

### **Stay Tuned!**

Check GroupWise for the latest informational updates on the retreat.



### **SIMPLE TIPS**

*How to thrive in The Gelman Library System  
(or any other organization)*

by **Jack Siggins**  
*University Librarian*

“Always know who your customer is --- no matter what your job is.”

## **GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE**

### **Vacancy Listing**

Please see **Attachment A** for Gelman’s Vacancy Listings.

## **CAMPUS NEWS**

### **University Club Open for Business**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

For those of you who use the University Club for meetings, Good News! The Club is now open and back to their regular hours of operation.

The Monday Buffet will resume on September 10, 2001. There will also be a smaller-scale buffet every Wednesday in the Riverhorse Pub.

Due to a large number of requests, the Club now offers a Carry Out Service. Special breakfast, lunch and meeting break menus are available through the Catering Office and will even be delivered locally. For more information, call Christine at (202) 994-9583.

By popular demand, Golf Shirts (in small sizes only) are in stock. To place an order, call Jim Massey at (202) 994-9580 or e-mail him at jim.massey@ourclub.com.

## IT Services Course Schedule for August 2001

By **Alicia Miller**  
Administration

Attached as **Attachment B**. The IT Services Course Schedule for August 2001.

### LITERARY HISTORY

Aug. 13, 1844	The first college on the American West Coast, Willamette, is founded in Salem, OR.
Aug. 14, 1867	<b>John Galsworthy</b> , English novelist, is born.
Aug. 14, 1901	Educator, publisher, and advocate of phonetic spelling, <b>Sir James Pitman</b> , is born.
Aug. 14, 1946	Popular novelist <b>Danielle Steel</b> is born.
Aug. 14, 1951	<b>William Randolph Hearst</b> , a newspaper publisher whose life was the basis for the film <i>Citizen Kane</i> , dies in Beverly Hills.
Aug. 15, 1771	Romantic novelist <b>Sir Walter Scott</b> is born.
Aug. 16, 1949	Author of <i>Gone with the Wind</i> , <b>Margaret Mitchell</b> , dies after being hit by a taxicab.
Aug. 17, 1850	The first installment of <b>Melville's</b> essay on Hawthorne appears in <i>The Literary World</i> .

“Let books be your dining table, and you shall be full of delights. Let them be your mattress, and you shall sleep restful nights.”

- Quoted in Bar Hebraeus' *Ethicon*  
St. Ephrem the Syrian (303-373)



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Gelman Library System Staff Retreat

**8/17/01** Friday, Noon – 5:00 p.m.  
Fort Hunt Park – Alexandria, VA

Aug. 18, 1958	<i>Lolita</i> , the controversial novel by <b>Vladimir Nabakov</b> , a Russian émigré, is published.
Aug. 19, 1689	<i>Forbes Magazine</i> publisher, <b>Malcolm Forbes</b> is born.
Aug. 20, 1890	Author <b>H.P. Lovecraft</b> is born.
Aug. 21, 1871	<b>Leonid Nikolayevich</b> , Russian novelist, is born.
Aug. 22, 1762	<b>Ann Franklin</b> became the editor of the <i>Mercury</i> of Newport, Rhode Island. She was the first woman editor of an American newspaper.
Aug. 23, 1838	In South Holyoke, MA, the first class graduates from Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Mt. Holyoke Seminary is the first American college for women.
Aug. 24, 1456	<b>Johann Gutenberg</b> finishes the first Bible (and the first book) printed from moveable type.
Aug. 25, 1770	<b>Thomas Chatterton</b> takes his life, having come to feel disgraced because his neo-medieval poetry was not being accepted.



### Laws When at Table, in Carrel, or in Wingback

If you are seated in your comfy chair, keep your legs and feet below you as they were. Neither raise up your knees, nor place your feet upon the table, for that is an abomination to me. Yes, even though this might be something you would do in confines of your own domicile, your feet upon the table are an abomination, and worthy of rebuke.

Draw not with your pens or pencils or other implements of writing upon the table or the books before you, even in pretend, for we do not do that; that is why. Yours shall not be the last eyes to gaze understandably upon the words so written, and they should be as fresh for your followers as for you and your antecedents.

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<http://www.ifla.org/I/humour/humour.htm>

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